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BEAVERTON LIBRARY HOSTS FREE SPRING BREAK EVENTS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Library will host more than a week of free events for kids and teens at the main and Murray Scholls branch locations during spring break, March 21-29. This year's theme for kids is "Lions, Tigers, and Bears," featuring fun storytimes, crafts, and a special teddy bear sleepover with author Karma Wilson.

The main library will host an exciting series of programs just for teens, that will include movies, a food competition, and the opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture.

Registration is required for some events. Patrons can register for events or get more information by calling 503-350-3600 for events at the main library, or 503-644-2197 (option 6) for events at Murray Scholls, or by visiting www.BeavertonLibrary.org/register. The Beaverton City Library main location is 12375 SW Fifth St. The Murray Scholls branch is at 11200 SW Murray Scholls Place.

Kids' Activities at Beaverton City Library Main Location

(12375 SW Fifth Street)

Animal Crafts

Saturday, March 21, 1-2 p.m.

Grades K-3 with family, drop-in.

Lions, Tigers, and Bears Storytime

Sunday, March 22, 12:30-1 p.m.

Ages 2-6 with family. A special storytime before the library opens!

Sing-Along Movie

Monday, March 23, 2-4 p.m.

All ages; children under 10 must be supervised.

Animal Bingo and Trivia

Tuesday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 2-10 with family, drop-in.

Weird But True Animals

Wednesday, March 25, 2-3 p.m.

Grades K-5 with family. Crafts and games celebration! Registration required.

Teddy Bear Sleepover with author Karma Wilson

Thursday, March 26, 11-Noon

Ages 4-10 with family. Your stuffed animal friend is invited to a library sleepover!

LEGO Party

Friday, March 27, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5 with adult. Building contests and prizes! Registration required.

Yoga Storytime

Saturday, March 28, 1-1:45 p.m.

Ages 4-12 with adult. Join us for yoga animal poses! Registration required.

Safari Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 29, 1-5 p.m.

Ages 4-12 with family, drop-in. Can you spot all the animals hidden in the library?

Kids' Programs at Murray Scholls Library

(11200 SW Murray Scholls Place)

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Sunday, March 22, 4:30 PM – 5:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed friend for bedtime stories and crafts! Then, leave your stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library, and pick it up the next day. You'll even get a photo of all the fun your stuffed friends had overnight! Ages 2-8 with family.

Cavemice Fossil Fun

Monday, March 23, 2-3 p.m.

Visit Old Mouse City and hear about the ancient ancestors of Geronimo Stilton – the Cavemice! Press some fossils and make prehistoric art to take home. Grades K-5 with adult.

Origami

Tuesday, March 24, 2-3 p.m.

Fold paper into animals, shapes, vehicles and more! Grades K-5 with adult, drop-in.

LEGO Mania

Wednesday, March 25 2-4 p.m.

We provide a theme and you provide your imagination! Join us for open build, activities based on a theme and LEGO Minifigure Bingo! Grades K-5 with adult; drop-in.

My Little Pony Party

Thursday, March 26, 2-3 p.m.

Get whisked away to the Rainbow Kingdom as we celebrate everything My Little Pony! There will be crafts, games and stories. Dress-up as your favorite pony friend! Ages 4-10 with adult.

Dragonology

Friday, March 27, 2-3 p.m.

Calling all dragonologists! Join us for an exploration of dragons through crafts and activities. Grades 3-7 with adult.

Bead It!

Saturday, March 28, 2-3 p.m.

Make jewelry masterpieces using beads of all shapes and sizes. Grades K-6 with adult.

Teen Programs at Beaverton City Library Main Location

(12375 SW Fifth Street)

MovieFests (Grades 6-12)

Monday, March 23, 3 p.m.

Join us in the meeting rooms for Hunger Games-themed activities and watch a movie based on the third book!

Tuesday, March 24, 3 p.m.

Join us to watch the movie where you're forced to choose a faction for life and never diverge. Plus crafts & fun!

Wednesday, March 25, 3 p.m.

Will you ever get out of this maze? Join us to watch this popular movie about mazes & the people who have to run in them.

Pizza Taste-Off (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, March 26, 3-4 p.m.

Sample a variety of pizzas and vote on your favorite! Soda will also be provided.

JapanFest (Grades 6-12)

Friday, March 27, 3-5 p.m.

Konnichiwa! Enjoy different aspects of Japanese culture—food, origami, video games, manga and more! Come dressed as your favorite COSplay and enter a raffle to win prizes.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Beaverton City Library serves more than 780,000 patrons a year at its main location and Murray Scholls branch. Each day, the library strives to improve the lives of children and families throughout the city. Last year, the library received a 92 percent approval rating from Beaverton residents. Funding from the WCCLS library levy renewal has played a key role in allowing the Beaverton City Library and all Washington County libraries to help the community to learn and grow together.

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library services, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. The Beaverton City Library is one of 15 libraries in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) that work

communally to provide excellent countywide library service by sharing valuable resources and information with one another.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press for cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine and recognized as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

For more information, reminders and community news, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton.

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Caption 1: Kids enjoyed crafts and other superhero-themed activities during Spring Break 2014 at the Beaverton City Library. This year's theme is "Lions, Tigers, and Bears," featuring a series of programs for teens and kids from March 21-29.